

House Resolution No. 2766

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the life and lifetime achievements of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Elmer Lloyd "Pete" Thomas, a treasured resident of Lamar, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his One Hundredth Birthday on May 30, 2004, with a festive celebration at his home; and

Whereas, Pete Thomas came into this world in Milford on May 25, 1904, as the tiny infant son born to proud and loving parents Perrine Thomas and Jessie Alexander Thomas, who welcomed him into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Pete Thomas received his high school education and embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in his life when he married his beloved Eva Boles, a kind and loving woman with whom he shared the love and affection of three fine children; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband, Pete Thomas provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones through employment endeavors as a school teacher, streetcar conductor, salesman, barber, merchant, and postmaster; and

Whereas, an active member of the Milford Christian Church and the Masonic Lodge, Pete Thomas has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members also include his three children, Wanda Thomas Wootton, Robert N. Thomas, and Beverly Thomas Lucas; and his ten grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, now one hundred years young, Pete Thomas faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good Christian life, sharing his experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with those he holds most dear:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Pete Thomas as he proudly celebrates one hundred years of achievement, and in wishing him much peace and prosperity as he continues his journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian, Elmer Lloyd "Pete" Thomas, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Ed Emery
District No. 126

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2766, adopted May 6, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker